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FOR TARNOFF (S/S)

FROM ATHERTON, USDEL NO. 1

E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PGOV, XF, US

SUBJECT: LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS RE SHUTTLE OPERATION

1. I HAVE BEEN GIVING SOME THOUGHT SINCE GETTING BACK TO THE LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS I WILL FACE IN MOVING BETWEEN JERUSALEM AND CAIRO WHEN WE SUCCEED IN GETTING GREEN LIGHT FROM EGYPTIANS TO PURSUE AGREEMENT ON DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. BECAUSE OF LINKAGE WITH WEIZMAN VISIT TO CAIRO AS WELL AS OTHER FACTORS, WE MAY NOT HAVE THIS FOR DAY OR TWO, BUT IN MEANTIME I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOUD RAISE WITH SECRETARY ON CONTINGENCY BASIS POSSIBILITY OF HAVING PRESIDENT AUTHORIZE ASSIGNMENT TO US FOR DURATION OF MY MISSION ONE OF T-39 AIRCRAFT STATIONED IN EUROPE. AS YOU KNOW, COMMERCIAL AIR CONNECTIONS BETWEEN HERE AND CAIRO ARE INDIRECT, DIFFICULT AND VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, AND I AM CONCERNED THAT WE COULD LOSE BETTER PART OF WHOLE DAY MERELY TRYING TO GET FROM PLACE TO PLACE. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY FOR AIRCRAFT IF WHITE HOUSE AUTHORIZES USE. CONFIDENTIAL

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2. WE WOULD NOT MAKE FORMAL REQUEST FOR AIRCRAFT TO COME TO AREA UNTIL WE FIND OUT WHEN WE ARE IN BUSINESS HERE AND WHAT NATURE OF MISSION APPEARS LIKELY TO BE. HOWEVER WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR EXPLORING TENTATIVELY ASSIGNMENT OF T-39 TO US.

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